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To My Brothers in the Levant

Of Epic Battles and Conquests

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In the Name of Allah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful. All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds, and prayers and peace be upon His trustworthy Messenger and all his family and companions.

To the heroic Muslim Syrian people; to my Mujahid brothers in the Levant of Islam and garrisoning, the Levant of epic battles and conquests; to the champions revolting against unbelief, oppression and atheism; to those fighting a stone's throw away from Jerusalem; to those defending the heartland of Muslims – no, defending all Muslim lands: peace be upon you and the mercy and His blessings.

The Truth, Blessed and Most Exalted, is He says, ***"And fight them until there is no unbelief and the religion is for Allah; and if they stop, then there is no aggression except against wrongdoers."***

Allah curse every despotic tyrant. Allah curse every arrogant unbeliever. Allah curse every criminal and murderer.

Allahu Akbar fills every ear

After the plugs are removed

And towards the minarets turn eyes

Tired of humiliation and submission

It is the glory of Islam which spread through our land

And elevated the people in it

Until even the Bedouin in his tattered rags

Trampled over thrones with the prestige of faith

The one who humbles himself before Allah, the All-Powerful

All the tyrants yield to him by the Power of the Most Merciful

The one who rises as a Mujahid to face the oppressor

He is the martyr, his martyrdom that of the brave

The one who says "No" to oppression without hesitation

He is the one deserving of the Garden of Contentment

Mighty are the banners of the Believers

They crush the inferiority of unbelief and idolatry

Nearly two years after the start of the Syrian people's glorious intifada, the war continues to rage; the blood of the martyrs continues to flow with a copiousness rarely paralleled, with the latest numbers indicating more than 70,000 deaths; the battalions of the Mujahideen continue to make their way towards victory with Allah's permission, landing blow after blow on the heads of the Ba'athist tyrants and their aides from the Nusayrites, Rafidites, mercenaries and dupes; and conspiracies continue to be hatched against the revolution openly and secretly and by international, regional and local parties with various and disparate orientations. There is nothing strange about this, as it is no secret to anyone who knows about religion, politics, history, geography and military sciences that toppling the secular nationalist Batinite regime in Damascus is an important and necessary step towards the liberation of Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa Mosque, regardless of the political dispute between this regime and the Zionists, which may go so far as to occasionally include military action; however, it is a dispute which doesn't threaten the future of the occupation and its existence the way the Mujahideen – for example – threaten it.

The statement of the enemy of humanity Netanyahu on the 7th of January in which he spoke of the need to build a more secure security fence on the occupied Golan Heights' border with Syria, followed by the Israeli threats to bomb Syria if the armed Syrian opposition takes control of the stocks of chemical weapons, is just further evidence of the extent of the Jews' dependence on this hypocritical regime and its depraved army and their taking comfort in it and their fear of the effect its collapse and absence will have on their security.

The Martyr of Islam Shaykh Abdullah Azzam on the 7th Anniversary of the Hama Massacre Discusses the Jews' Fear of the Fall of the Assad Regime:

The Jews were watching the battle for Syria and shaking in fear. Every time the tyrant came close to falling, unbelievers from around the world rushed to save him, with a contrived drama. When he staggered and was about to fall, the Jews came up with the issue of removing the missiles from Lebanon, and the "champion of resolve" Hafez [al-Assad] confronted them, and stood by himself in the battlefield against the Jews, and insisted on keeping the missiles where they were, and the international press in its entirety began to talk about the missiles, and he appeared as though he were a lone knight facing the enemies of mankind and the age, the Jews. Therefore, the Ikhwan who were stabbing him from behind must be friends and allies of the Jews and enemies of the symbol of resistance so loved by his people. Then he staggered and was about to fall again, when the eagles and hawks penetrated his palace and threw a grenade at him, and his Palestinian leftist revolutionary guard covered him with his own body […], and the tyrant survived. And at the time, Begin was in the hospital, and he shot up from his bed, shouting "What will we do? He's going to fall! And the terrorists…!"

Haitham al-Malih

Syrian Dissident:

Slaughters and massacres were committed in Hama, Jisr al-Shugoor, Halab, and Tadmor prison. In Hama, approximately 47000 martyrs were killed. Even little children were killed. The regime didn't spare anyone. […] Now there is a revolution. In 1982 it was some incidents here and there, not events encompassing all of Syria. Now the Syrian people in its entirety has risen up.

Host of Program:

All the revolutions have caused major confusion in any attempt to read the political situation in the Arab region, but the Syrian revolution in particular has caused the greatest confusion. Why is Syria in particular raising all of these questions today, and causing all of these discussions, all of this concern throughout the region?

Dr. Muhammad Hamid al-Ahmari

President, Forum on Arab and International Relations:

Syria is one of the primary regions in the heart of the Arab world, and at the same time it has a confrontational relationship with the Arab world's friends and enemies. Syria is symbolic in its history, symbolic in its location. It's more or less the northern Arabian Peninsula: You might call it the capital of the northern Arabian Peninsula. It lies between East and West and North and South. Syria's relations with Turkey, its relations with Israel, its relations with Iran, its relations with the new Iraq, its relations with the new Arab world: all of this represents a challenge to what might be symbolic for the new Arab world.

Also, Syria is a relic of the world of the 1950s and 1960s, where you had the rigid state which was in a state of confrontation with the nation: the government alien to its people. Syria is an old symbol of the old-style Communist tyranny, the Ba'athist tyranny, etc. […] Change in Syria is extremely momentous for all these partners, for the future of the Arabs, the future of the Muslims, the future of Israel, the future of Iran, and the future of Iraq. That's why Syria is decisive and change in it will affect the entire region in a major way.

Dr. Waleed Abd al-Hayy

Professor of International Relations

Yarmouk University, Jordan:

The issue in regard to Syria is connected first of all with the geostrategic position of this state, primarily due to its being located next to Israel. Second, due to its presence in an area close to Iraq and the petrol-producing regions. Third, due to its traditional alliances.

This is why the forces of global tyranny, led by America, France, Britain, Russia, Israel and the United Nations Organization, are fighting together and separately to preserve their interests in Syria, and are attempting to enlist some defectors from the Damascus regime and some opposition politicians to form the nucleus of a new corrupt regime subservient to the West to succeed the Assad regime which is in

danger of collapsing at any moment; and the West relies in that on the help of its agents, the rulers of Turkey, the Saudi regime, Jordan and the statelets of the Gulf who provide material and media support to some of the parties affiliated with the revolution in order to recruit them and turn them into instruments in the hands of the West and its agents.

My brothers in the Levant of garrisoning and Jihad: it has become clear to you and every intelligent person on earth that the West's declared support for the revolutions of the Islamic peoples has no basis in reality, and is merely a desperate attempt by these defeated failed states to preserve their influence in our region by deceiving the peoples and making them imagine that the West has their interests at heart and wants for them freedom, progress and independence. But the truth is something else. There is no similarity whatsoever between the will and objectives of the revolutionary Muslim peoples and the will of what is called the "international community."

You – revolutionary Muslim brothers – want Islam, dignity, justice, legitimate rights and freedoms, and liberation from the dominance of local and international tyrants. As for what is called the "international community," it wants for you a corrupt, tamed and subservient regime which looks to America, makes peace with Israel and imposes on you the civil democratic system which accords total sovereignty and the right of legislation to the people, which practices these rights through its representatives in parliament, whereas in Islam, they are the rights of Allah alone and one of the most exclusive properties of Godhood and Lordship. That is to say, the democratic system turns humans into gods beside Allah who legislate things in religion which Allah has not permitted; for Allah has not permitted His slaves to make themselves rivals to Him in his Godhood and Lordship, nor has He permitted them to rule by other than what He has sent down in His Book and revealed to His Messenger, nor has He allowed them to legislate for themselves rules and laws which permit Haram things and prohibit Halal things and contradict definite legal texts and established consensuses.

The Martyr As We See Him Shaykh Abdullah Azzam Clarifies the Truth About Ruling and Legislating by Other That Allah's Revelation:

"There is no God worthy of worship but Allah" means ruling by what Allah has sent down. And not ruling by what Allah has sent down means nullifying Godhood in the life of humanity and some humans claiming Lordship over humanity without them knowing. […]

The person who gives precedence to the order of a human being over the order of the Lord of the worlds, whether for his own or others' interests or for any other reason, is giving precedence to the worship of a mortal human over the worship of

the Lord of Eternity: Allah, the Eternal and Everlasting, Exalted is He, the First and Last. And no one legislates a law with which he replaces Allah's Law without it crossing his mind that this law is better than the Law of the Lord of the worlds for this particular period. And this is blatant unbelief and flagrant polytheism about which no one who belongs to this religion is in any doubt. […]

People don't realize that the person who says "Thieves are to be imprisoned for two months" is no different than the person who says "The Maghreb [dusk] prayer is four *rak'ats*." This is an alteration of Allah's Law, and that is an alteration of Allah's Law. And the One who said from above seven heavens "*Establish prayer*" is the same One who said "*Amputate their hands.*" This is a Qur'anic verse and that is a Quranic verse. "*Do you believe in some parts of the Book and disbelieve in other parts? The punishment of those among you who do that is nothing but humiliation in this life; and on the Day of Judgment they will be restored for the most severe of torments.*" There is no difference between the person who says "The Subh [dawn] prayer is three *rak'ats*" and the person who says "Murderers are to be sentenced to one year in prison." There is no difference between the person who says "The punishment of the adulterer is six months in prison" and the person who says "Fasting isn't in Ramadan, fasting is now in Muharram." […]

The Companions understood these concepts, and they never even imagined that someone who acknowledges Allah as Lord, Muhammad as Prophet and Messenger and the Qur'an as judge and leader would put it aside and agree to – and give precedence to – the rules of humans. […]

These noble Companions never thought and never imagined that one day, there would be people who follow the Messenger of Allah – peace and prayers of Allah be upon him – who would reject Allah's law and reject the law of His Messenger – peace and prayers of Allah be upon him – and then rule in matters of blood, honor and life according to the opinions of John, Anton and Napoleon. […]

The secular civil democratic system, which isn't – as some of us think – a mere neutral mechanism which any people on earth can benefit from to organize and direct their affairs; rather, it's a complete ideological and political system and a Western cultural inheritance, such that it is impossible to separate this system from its Greek pagan, French secular, and American Crusader roots. That's why some experts among the Westerners themselves have denounced the American and Western efforts to impose this system on the Islamic world in spite of the intrinsic historical and cultural differences between our civilization and theirs; and these experts hold that these attempts are born out of Westerners' ignorance of present-day and historical facts, and out of their leaders' hostility to Islam.

Voice of Interviewer:

Is this why you say that the goal of creating a secular state in Afghanistan and Iraq is unattainable?

Michael Scheuer

Former Head of Shaykh Usama bin Ladin Unit, American Central Intelligence Agency:

Yes. It really has nothing to do with the capability of Muslims as people. All people are capable of all things, I think. But we decided to create a secular democracy in Afghanistan and Iraq, where there is no history at all of a separation of church and state. Indeed, most Muslims regard the idea as absurd: how can there be a separation between those things?

But I think, again, [that] as in our view of the Pakistanis, so much of the trouble is on our own side. We are – in America at least – an extraordinarily ahistorical people. We don't understand where we came from; and so, without that grounding, we expect to be able to put our experience on a CD-ROM and give it to Mr. Karzai, and say, "Here, you have six months or eighteen months or six years to do this."

Well, we in America, and by extension Britain, Australia and Canada, have been at this democracy business for 800 years, since [the signing of the Magna Carta at] Runnymede in 1215. How in the world can any well-educated, rational person expect that to be transferred and take root in 15 minutes in a conservative Islamic tribal country?

It's a madness, and it's [because of] our lack of understanding [not just] of foreigners, but where we came from ourselves.

Voice of Interviewer:

Do you think that perhaps it's the combination of religion and state that will mean they may never achieve democracy in these countries?

Michael Scheuer:

I think it's possible that they will achieve a kind of representative government, but it's very unlikely to look like ours.

In the book I wrote about Usama bin Ladin, part of a chapter was devoted to what he and al-Zawahiri and his lieutenants thought about how people should be able to express their faith in terms of how they're led politically; and they were very clear that the people had a voice in electing a leader; once he was elected, he would

remain the leader unless he deviated from Islamic law, and then it was the people's responsibility to overthrow him.

So there was a much more representative element to bin Ladin then there ever was to Hosni Mubarak, for example.

I think the real question, though, is: will a system develop in the Muslim world that's acceptable to people like David Cameron and Barack Obama and any Republican [Party] leader you can put your hand on? We're afraid of anything that has the word "Islamic" in it. And to expect somehow that we're going to have a government emerge in Egypt that's not heavily influenced by Islam is silly. […]

You know, the polls in the Muslim world, even for women, show that they're not interested in being treated as women are treated in the United States.[…]

Where else would they turn, I think, in a time of revolution and anxiety, but to their faith, rather than to an alien ideology like secular democracy. And we also face…you know, our foreign policy – Western foreign policy – in the Middle East has been based for forty years on the maintenance of tyranny. I think that was bad from the start, but nonetheless that was our strategy, and it's now falling apart. But the result of our support for tyranny is the development of a situation in almost every country where there are only two organizations capable of governing. One is the tyranny, and the other is the Islamic resistance. […]

So the question really is: when you find out that you're not going to have a government in Egypt that looks like the government in Florida – for example – are you going to be happy with it, or are you going to intervene to try to tear it down until you get something that you like? My own guess is that the current administration won't like anything that comes about in Libya, in Tunisia, in Egypt.

The deceptive civil democratic system, whose advocates affirm is in fact secular.

Burhan Ghalioun

Author, *A Manifesto for Democracy*:

If you read the literature of the Syrian left today, Syrian leftists and liberals, they say, "We want a civil state." So what does that mean? It means that secularism, for a large section of Syrian public opinion, and for the Islamists as well, didn't mean a state which is neutral towards the religions and schools of thought of individual citizens; it meant a state hostile to religion. Secularism was understood to mean that

the state wages war on religion. […] But in Syria, the word "civil" has become a meeting place for all sides because it expresses a vision of a state which is in fact secular.

Host of Program:

The fear is that it will be just a temporary point of agreement, as an interim stage, until the goal of toppling the regime is achieved, and then perhaps the door of disputes will be opened…

Ghalioun:

The fear is that "civil" will be reinterpreted in different forms. Everyone says today that the civil state is a state which doesn't respect the followers of any particular religion, i.e. is neutral towards religion, yet isn't hostile to any religion, i.e. allows freedom of belief; and the danger is that this word might be interpreted to mean that the state is neutral but should patronize this or that group.

The civil democratic system which is neutral toward religions: that is to say, under this system there is nothing to prevent you from being ruled by another Nusayrite, or by George Sabra, the Christian Communist, as long as he has received the majority of votes in the elections whose fairness and the fairness of those supervising them only Allah knows the truth about.

Nor is there anything to prevent you – under this system – from being ruled by Burhan Ghalioun, the secular leftist who believes that the Syrian regime's animosity to Islam isn't clear!

Burhan Ghalioun:

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Host of Program:

And in the Syrian experiment?

Ghalioun:

In the Syrian experiment…uh, it's not very clear.

Shaykh Muhammad Ali Al-Sabooni

President, Union of Syrian Scholars:

[The regime] has taken lives and violated sacred things. Copies of the Qur'an have been torn apart, Allah's Houses have been destroyed. They have even demolished minarets; it is as if they are at war with Allah.

The Pride of the Levant Shaykh Abdullah Azzam Clarifies Syrian Secularism's War on Religion (And Clarifying the Obvious is Problematic!):

In 1964, they began to declare their animosity to Islam over the radio. One of them said in 1964, "I believe in the Ba'ath as Lord without partners, and in Arabism as the one and only religion." And so Shaykh Marwan Hadid – may Allah have mercy on him – revolted in Hama against the Nusayrites' challenge to Muslim sensitivities. He held a sit-in with a handful of youth inside a mosque, and the punishment was that the mosque and its minaret were hit with artillery, the artillery of the same tanks which subsequently retreated from the Golan with killing one Jew. The mosque was demolished onto the young people inside the mosque. […]

On April 4th, 1967, the Syrian "People's Army" magazine published an article by Ibrahim Khalas in which he wrote, "We want to create the Arab Socialist human who believes that God, religions and all values have become mummified dolls…" toys! "…in history museums." So the people rose up again, and more than 2000 were put in prison, but humiliation overtook the regime 50 days later, and it surrendered al-Quneitra before the town even fell; and the regime was unable to face the people, so it released the political prisoners.

In 1972, a clause was deleted from the constitution which said that Islam is the office state religion, and the Muslims rose up once more and protested, and the state began to pursue them […]

There is a superficial union – may Allah not bless it – between Jordan and Syria. The Syrian delegation requested the Jordanian delegation to remove all mentions of the name "Allah" from the books and replace it with "Nature." For example, our children's textbooks in Jordan say, "Allah has created large ears for wild animals so that they can hear sounds quickly and flee from their enemies." So instead of "Allah has created…" they wrote, "Nature has given wild animals long ears."

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Unlike the Other Regimes of Hypocrisy Falsely Affiliated with Islam, The Atheist Syrian Regime Doesn't Even Like to *Pretend* to be Religious: News

Agencies Noted that the Arab Summit Which Opened in Damascus on Saturday, March 29th, 2008 Was the Only Arab Summit Which Didn't Begin With Recitation of Verses from the Noble Qur'an And Neither the Syrian President Bashar al-Assad Nor the Secretary General of the Arab League Amr Moussa Began Their Speeches with the Islamic Greeting of Peace.

And in principle, there is nothing to prevent you – under this system – from being ruled by the Arab Socialist Ba'ath Party, which has given you nothing but woes over a period of more than five decades. The secular Ba'ath Party which claims to be Arab and espouses the infidel doctrine of nationalism which the scholars have stated is contradictory to Islam in whole and in part and represents a conspiracy to weaken the Islamic Ummah by dividing and partitioning the Muslims.

The Revivalist Imam Shaykh Abdullah Azzam Clarifies the Anti-Islamic Nature of Nationalism and its American and European Crusader Roots:

Nationalism is also an concept which was designed by the Europeans and executed by the Crusaders in the region. I won't use my own words, I'll use the words of the nationalists themselves and their planners and writers. Nationalism was meant to achieve two objectives. The first objective: Expelling Turkey from the region. The second objective: Replacing the religion of Islam with the religion of Arabism, and emptying the region of its religion so that it would become receptive to any ideology… […] So it's a European concept, but those who executed it were the Crusader Occidentalists in the region. The Christians in the region carried it out. It began with the Syrian Association for the Sciences and Arts in 1847, [which was founded by Nasif] al-Yaziji and Butrus al-Bustani, both Christians; then it changed its name to the Syrian Scientific Association in 1868. […]

The proof that they wanted to get rid of Turkey is in their leaders' own words. Edward Atiyah says, "Syrian Christians hated the Turkish sovereign and looked forward to liberation." And in the book *Arab Society* authored by a group of professors in the Faculty of Literature at the Lebanese University, we read, "The first movement with an Arab nationalist color to emerge in the Arab world in opposition to Turkish rule took Arabism as its foundation and objective. It was a secret society led by a group of young Christians in Beirut, and its objective was to divide the Arabs and Turks. The man who inspired them to found a society was someone called Elias Hibali, from the town of Zoq Mikha'il. He was a professor of the French language who taught it in the American University to a class whose students included Ibrahim [son of Nasif] al-Yaziji, Ya'qub Saroof and Shahin Makaaryus. The

professor was an admirer of the French revolution." The *Jewish* French revolution. But *they* didn't say that, of course.

As for nationalism being Western-designed, Philip Hitti - their great teacher and historian whom the Ba'athists have long written about and used to teach a made-up history to our children - says: "One of the results of the meeting between Syrian intellectualism and Western ideological output was the birth of the principles of comprehensive Arab nationalism, which took most of its inspiration from American political theories, in contrast to Turkish nationalism, which came after Arab nationalism and derived its inspiration from the principles of the French revolution." Hitti also says, "The principles of Arab nationalism emerged in the seventh decade of the 19th century, at the hands of Syrian intellectuals, most of whom were Lebanese Christians who had been educated at the American schools in their country. There is no doubt that nationalism is a Western commodity which the world – including the Arab Orient – imported from Europe." […]

Lawrence, the British intelligence agent whom the Arabs call the Uncrowned King of the Arabs, says in his book *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*: "I believed in the Arab movement, and was confident, before ever I came, that in it was the idea to tear Turkey into pieces."

So all their writings indicate that nationalism was a Western idea whose primary objective was to get rid of Turkey.

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History Repeats Itself: The Hateful Americanized Zionist-Crusader Magdi Khalil Admits the Christian Roots of Ethnic Nationalism and Calls for Nationalism to Be Replaced with an Old/New Crusader Conspiracy Called "Democracy and Human Rights!" in an Attempt to Escape the Islamic Caliphate which is On Its Way With Allah's Permission:

As we know, the concept of Arab nationalism was adopted in the beginning by Levantine Christians, who wanted to escape from the idea of the Islamic Caliphate. So the Christians in the Levant and Iraq formulated the theories of Arab nationalism and Arab unity in order to escape from the Islamic Caliphate. Subsequently, some leaderships adopted Arab nationalism out of desire for leadership, and it was used for leadership, the leadership of some Arab leaderships, so that they could take their turn at leadership. […]

We wish that the era of ideologies would end the same way it has ended in many of the world's states, whether [these ideologies be] Islamic or nationalist. We must keep step with the world, keep step with current events, and enter the era of democracy and human rights. Ideologies represent a stumbling block to the concepts of individualism, democracy and human rights.

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And is Democracy Anything Other Than Another Ideology!? And is Islam an Ideology? Or the Religion of The Lord of the Worlds!? What Bald-faced Charlatanism and Blatant Deception!

And in the Same Vein: The Arab Christian Communist Internationalist Marxist Revolutionary Civil Democratic Thinker and Former Member of the Israeli Knesset Azmi Bishara Warns Against the Islamic Movement and Compares it to Nazism and Fascism! Allah Suffices Us and He is the Best of Guardians:

By the way, it doesn't matter to me whether or not it's written down. What matters is that there be a clear acceptance that democracy isn't something they just started inventing today in Egypt. It's an achievement of humanity. It's not possible now for an Egyptian majority to get together and deprive women – for example – of voting rights, or deprive certain sectors of society – secularists, for example – of the right to express their opinion, or prohibit intellectuals or artists from practicing their art. That would be an undemocratic majority, and there are examples of that in history. For example, the majority in Germany in the 1930s was an undemocratic majority, and led to regimes…What matters is that democracy isn't mere majority rule. I believe this has to be made clear. […]

And let me make it clear that I have no objection to an Islamic parliament nor to an Islamic government[1] in terms of majority, but not in terms of principles and character, because in the end, the principles must be democratic […] Meaning that the party has a majority, but it isn't a majority which has an ideological character et cetera. In the end, the only ideology of the parliament – we call it a very thin ideology – is the principles of democracy. Everything which remains comes and goes. You might be elected this time and not elected the next time.

There is nothing to prevent you, under the Western democratic system, from being ruled by an infidel, an apostate, an atheist, an immoral person, a corrupt person, a fool, an agent, a traitor, or a hypocrite loyal to the enemies who wages war against Allah, His Messenger and the Believers.

Therefore, I call on all of the armed brigades, local coordination committees, revolutionary councils, and noble individuals in the political opposition to make it a sweeping revolution against the resolutions and interferences of America and its international community, and to make their movement an Islamic Jihad whose goal is to defend the weak and oppressed, set up the genuine Muslim state and build the just and righteous society in which both Muslim and non-Muslim enjoys the justice of Islam.

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[1] **Excuse Me… But Who Are You to Have an Objection in the First Place?**

And I salute the brigades, groupings and personalities which have declared their rejection of Western and Gulf conspiracies, their alignment with Islam and their coming together on the noble objective and long-sought-after hope, which is the setting up of the Islamic state in the country of the Levant.

Muslim brothers in Syria: you should know that your Mujahid brothers everywhere rejoiced at your revolution and delivered the good news of it at an early stage, and that their books, writings and speeches over the decades testify to the strength of their hatred of and animosity to the criminal Syrian regime, in contrast to the lie promoted by certain parties about the Mujahideen of al-Qaida being agents of the Damascus regime and cooperating with it. This lie is just part of the biased propaganda campaign to demonize all sides of the Islamic movement and distort their image; and one of the most recent manifestations of this campaign was the false rumor about a preacher in the Land of the Two Sanctuaries calling on the revolutionaries in Syria to commit gang rape against the women of the enemy. And Allah is the One whose help is sought.

As for the Mujahideen giving the good news of the revolution, I recall that I was with one of the noble brothers, Shaykh Abu Dujaanah al-Pasha (may Allah preserve him), in early March 2011, or more than ten days prior to the beginning of the Syrian intifada. We were discussing the events of the Libyan revolution, which was raging at the time; and Abu Dujaanah predicted confidently and daringly and without hesitation that the next stop for the revolutionary express would be Syria, and that its people have stayed true to their Islam and are prepared for Jihad and combat; and he said this at a time when almost all observers and analysts agreed that the winds of change would not reach Syria. And if this demonstrates anything, then it is – and this is a testimony for the sake of Allah – the keen insight of the Mujahideen, the extent of their keeping abreast and up-to-date on the state of their Ummah, and their excelling in that. And all praise is due to Allah, and all credit is for Allah before and after.

It's not surprising that they should be like that, for the Mujahideen are an indivisible part of this Ummah and its devoted sons who sacrifice the dearest things they have to liberate it from the hegemony of the idols of East and West; and they have at their disposal the combined expertise and lessons learned of more than forty years of Jihad and combat in various fronts and arenas covering the length and breadth of the Islamic region. So it befits the Muslim peoples and groups working for Islam to listen to the leaders of the Mujahideen and benefit from their advice and suggestions; and it behooves the philanthropists, givers of Zakaat and Sadaqa, and wealthy Muslims to continue their support for the Mujahideen's military and preaching work with everything they can, despite the difficult economic conditions, the governmental and international harassment, and the ready-made *fatwas* about spending on Jihad being Haram which the regimes procure to protect themselves and please their masters in America and Europe.

And you should know that our animosity to the unbelievers of the East and West and our battle with them isn't born out of fanatical allegiance to soil, homeland, people, tribe, ethnicity, color, faction or party, nor is it a conflict for the sake of position, wealth, status and authority, but rather, it is an animosity for the sake of Allah until they believe in Allah Alone, and a defense of the weak and oppressed, and a struggle for freedom, dignity and restoration of the rights which these criminals – the Jews, Crusaders and their lackeys – have taken away, starting with the occupation of al-Andalus [Islamic Iberia] at the hands of the Spaniards; continuing with the era of French, British and Russian colonialism; and arriving at the overthrow and partition of the Ottoman state, the occupation of Palestine and the beginning of the era of neocolonialism which is supervised by America and the rest of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council. And the Muslim Ummah's Jihad shall continue with Allah's help until the liberation of the realms of Islam from Western Zionist-Crusader and Eastern Communist influences and the establishment of the greater Muslim state which spreads justice, preserves rights and defends Islam and Muslims.

That's why my brothers in Syria must realize and be certain that their battle is basically and fundamentally with the Jews and those who support them from the states of the Crusader West and their agents like the Syrian regime and similar parties, and that their battle isn't with any other sect, group or state, on the condition that it leaves the Muslims alone and doesn't stand between them and the Jews and their allies. So place Jerusalem, Jaffa, Gaza, Hebron, the Golan and Haifa before your eyes, and hold on to the weapons and munitions which are in your hands and don't hand them over to anyone, even after the fall of the regime, for the fall of the regime will be followed by battles and victories with Allah's permission; and don't put aside your weapons until you have liberated all of Palestine from the sea to the river and made the banner of Islam fly high over all of the countries of the Levant.

The Mujahid Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri

May Allah Preserve Him:

My free and honorable brothers who are eager to help Islam and liberate Palestine: we must read history and comprehend its lessons. Palestine was lost when the Caliphate fell and we were dominated by secularism and territorial nationalism which has torn us apart and continues to tear us apart. One of the fundamental interests of the West and the Zionists, and indeed, one of the necessities of their existence, is that they divide us, by spreading the principles of the secular nationalist nation state and homeland among us, so that we become crumbs which they can easily devour. As a result of that ethnic and territorial nationalism, we broke apart after the fall of the Caliphate State into more than fifty helpless vassal states.

The Working Scholar Shaykh Abdullah Azzam Explains Some of the Devastating Effects of Artificial National Borders On the Psychology, Unity and Strength of Muslims:

Sykes and Picot created borders for us. They said to us, "Jordan ends here at ar-Ramtha, and Syria begins after ar-Ramtha, and Jordan begins at al-Mudawwarah, and the Saudi state begins after [*unintelligible*]. And Kuwait? Here it is, the city of Kuwait, the *state* of Kuwait. And the state of Qatar is a single city. And so is the state of Bahrain. And Lebanon? Here it is, the size of a coin. That's the state of Lebanon. And here is Syria. Listen, this is your land and your birthplace, and love of one's homeland is part of faith." And so on…

And so we have begun to think in an Islamic way which is in truth not an Islamic way, but rather, a territorial way of thinking daubed with Islam. The Jordanian in ar-Ramtha sees the son of Dara'a [across the border in Syria] being slaughtered in front of him by the Nusayrites, yet he doesn't even bat an eyelid, flinch a muscle, or take an extra heartbeat; nor is he prepared to open the borders. Why? Because Islam ends at ar-Ramtha, and he has nothing to do with Islam in Dara'a. But when a Jordanian in al-'Aqaba winces in pain, you'll find the same person [from ar-Ramtha] shaking all over, although the distance between al-'Aqaba and ar-Ramtha is more than 600 kilometers, while the distance between al-Ramtha is less than 6 kilometers. This isn't an Islamic attitude; this isn't the attitude of "*This Ummah of yours is one Ummah, and I am your Lord, so worship Me.*" This isn't the global outlook of Islam which says:

India is ours and China is ours

And the Earth is ours and all are ours

Islam has become our religion

And the entire world is our homeland

The constitution of Allah is our religion

And we have made our hearts its home

Shaykh Ayman:

We had a Caliphate which defended us, and which, despite all its corruption and deviation, used everything at its disposal to confront the Crusader-Zionist assault on the realms of Islam. Israel was set up when the Caliphate State was defeated in the first World War, that defeat which occurred because of the betrayal of the Caliphate State by the Sharif Husain and his sons, their throwing themselves at the feet of the British and their commendation of the spirit of ethnic nationalism alien to Islam,

under the supervision, organization and observation of the British intelligence agent Lawrence of Arabia.

Dr. Issam Mousa

Professor, Middle East University for Graduate Studies:

The revolt was able to mobilize about 100,000 troops, Arabian troops, who fought for the battle of independence following the leadership of Sharif Husein and his sons, who played a great role in mobilizing the tribes along the way, and the British were there to advise, give weapons, give money.

Voiceover:

With careful negotiation by Prince Faisal, and British money supplied by Lawrence, the rebellion spreads through local tribesmen across the region. Having gained numbers and strength, the Arab and British regular armies are able to push north, and they finally succeed in taking the iconic city of Damascus. By the 30th of October 1918, over two years since it began, the revolt is over.

However, instead of building a unified Arab state, the Middle East is carved up between the French, the Arabs and the British, creating huge political tension.

Dr. Issam Mousa:

What happened is that Arab countries were fragmented, and small states were created. In fact, the Arabs feel that they were betrayed.

Dr. Neil Faulkner

Co-Director, Great Arab Revolt Project:

Events in the Middle East during the first World War created the modern Middle East that we still have today, with all of its conflicts.

Shaykh Ayman:

When the Caliphate State was defeated, the British occupied Palestine and the Levant with the help of Arab traitors; and the British occupation was the true beginning of the Zionist entity. Then the secular ethnic nationalist rulers arrived to

throw away Palestine and backtrack again and again until they agreed to settle for approximately 10% of it; and they're still backtracking.

Shaykh Abdus-Salam al-Khalili

Preacher and Imam of Mosque

Dara'a, Syria 01-04-11:

When has France or America or the Italians or the English ever wanted good for us? They came and colonized our countries for years, then our countries achieved liberation, then they brought their lackeys. Who has preserved the division of the Arabs and preserved Sykes-Picot? Isn't it these regimes? Therefore, these regimes work for the West!

Shaykh Ayman:

The Israeli aggression against Palestine wasn't an aggression by one state or one people, it was an aggression by the Crusader West; and the Zionist movement was its spearhead. And who can forget the words of Lord Allenby, commander of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, who, after entering Jerusalem, said, "The wars of the Crusaders are now complete." This is why we must view the battle for Palestine as being a link in the chain of Crusades against the Islamic world in general and Jerusalem in particular.

History has taught us that Palestine is only liberated if a Mujahid state is established in Egypt and the Levant; and a Mujahid state in Egypt and the Levant will only be established if it rules by Shari'ah, frees itself from vassalage to the Crusader West, rejects normalization of ties with Israel, disbelieves in subservience to international law and legitimacy, and sets up on its soil the state of justice, freedom and mutual consultation.

The Revivalist Imam Shaykh Abdullah Azzam Discusses the Humiliation and Repression in Which Generations of Muslims Have Been Raised:

A defeated Ummah humiliated by its rulers cannot possibly face its enemies in the battlefield. The one who is brought up on humiliation and submissiveness and is unable to say a single word even on the pulpit of the Messenger of Allah – peace and prayers of Allah be upon him – in the mosque cannot possibly have the necessary self-esteem to face the enemies of Allah – the Glorious and Great – in the fields of competition and arenas of champions.

Generation after generation has been brought up in humiliation. And this is the philosophy. Our fathers, schools and universities teach us this way. They teach us: "Kiss the dog on its mouth/to get what you need from it."

What?! How can you kiss filth? What it means is:"Humiliate yourself as much as you can in order to make a couple of dollars. You're only worth what is in your pocket." This is the philosophy of cowardice, the philosophy of humiliation which generations have been brought up on. In the Islamic era it wasn't like this.

Shaykh Abdus-Salam al-Khalili:

We are the youth of Syria, the youth of Egypt, the youth of the Arabs and the Islamic world. We are the generation which has become fed up with oppression, humiliation and disgrace. We are the ones who want to liberate the holy places. We are the ones who want to declare Jihad! Jihad, Jihad! You [the rulers] deprived us of pronouncing the word "Jihad" on the pulpit. You told us that if we want to talk about it, we have to say "resistance." You are afraid of the word "Jihad"! You declared a war on terrorism, but it is actually a war on Islam.

[…]

No humiliation after today. No going back after today. After today we will be free. After today, the peoples are the ones who will demand Arab and Islamic unity. After today, our only enemy is the Jews. After today, we are the ones who will liberate Jerusalem! We are the ones who will liberate Palestine! We are more suitable for liberating Palestine than the entire world!

Town of Sarmada

Idlib Province, Syria

29-12-12:

Pallbearers at Funeral, in Unison:

There is no God worthy of worship but Allah!

And the martyr is the beloved of Allah!

Allah curse the oppressor!

There is no God worthy of worship but Allah!

And al-Assad is the enemy of Allah!

Allah curse the oppressor!

Syrian Mujahid

Member of Islamic Dawn Movement:

…peace and prayers be on our Prophet Muhammad and on all his family and companions. We have gathered for the funeral of the purified body of Muhammad Ganaitah, nicknamed "the Hawk" -Abu Umar the Palestinian- who was martyred – may Allah have mercy on him – on Thursday, December 27, 2012, while garrisoned in the area of Muarrat al-Nu'man near the Wadi al-Dayf camp…as Palestinian blood has mixed with Syrian blood and become as one while fighting tyranny and oppression. We are – Allah willing – united to liberate the country of the Levant from the tyrants, oppressors and murderers, and as we liberate the country of the Levant, all our eyes are on the Holy Land, as we shall set off – with Allah's help – to the Holy Land to liberate it from the Zionists.

A Mujahid Delivers a Brief Sermon at the Martyr's Grave Before the Burial:

So we fight in the Path of Allah, not in the path of lusts nor in the path of this world. We fight to earn the pleasure of Allah, Lord of the Worlds, and we won't agree to leave a patch of unbelief on this earth as long as we live; no, we shall work for the removal of all patches as long as there is a breath left in us. And our final prayer is that all praise is due to Allah, and peace and prayers be on the Messenger of Allah.

Those Present, in Unison:

Our eternal Leader is our Chief Muhammad!

Shaykh Abdus-Salam al-Khalili:

I bring you glad tidings. I swear by Allah, I can see it like I see you now. Difficult days are ahead for us. But afterwards…we are in labor, and you know that labor and childbirth is characterized by blood, pain, shouting and fatigue, but afterwards it turns into good news, congratulations and gift-giving. When these days are over, a man will walk in the street like a man! […]

Those Present, in Unison:

My Muslim brothers in Syria: you are the sons of the soil and people of mighty prowess in battle, and you hold the initiative, so don't allow America and its lackeys and agents to spoil your revolution for you and destroy what you have built with your severed limbs and irrigated with your blood, and don't allow any faction, group or elite which doesn't fear Allah in its dealings with you and doesn't abide by Allah's Law to dominate you and control your affairs on behalf of the Zionist Jews, Western Crusaders or hateful Rafidites.

A little patience and a few sacrifices, and then the war will come to an end, the dust of battle will lift, the clouds of smoke will disperse, the rivers of blood will recede, and you will see your country pervaded by security, peace and the justice of Islam with Allah's permission, in direct opposition to the desires of the Crusaders and Jews.

I ask Allah to accept your martyrs, heal your wounded and injured, deliver your captives and guide us and you to what He loves and is pleased with. And our final prayer is that all praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds, and prayers and peace be on our Prophet Muhammad and his family and companions. And peace be upon you and the mercy of Allah and His blessings.

Quranic Recitation by the Captive Mujahid Abu Hajar al-Iraqi (may Allah deliver him):

"And how many of the Prophets fought, and with them (fought) many godly men, yet they never lost heart because of what befell them in Allah's way, nor did they weaken nor give in. And Allah loves those who are patient and persevering.

"All that they said was: 'Our Lord! Forgive us our sins and transgressions; make our foothold firm (and our steps sure); and help us against the unbelieving people'.

"So Allah gave them a reward in this world, and the excellent reward of the Hereafter; for Allah loves those who do good.

"O you who believe! If you obey the unbelievers, they will turn you back on your heels, and you will turn back as losers.

"Rather, Allah is your Protector, and He is the Best of Helpers."

[03:146-150]

So Let's Support Our Brothers in Syria

With Our Selves, Wealth and Prayers

